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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A)

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S TRAVEL TO OASGA

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1. BELIEVE VISIT BY SECRETARY TO MEXICO WOULD BE A DEFINITE PLUS. WE CANNOT, OF COURSE, FORESEE POSSIBLY RELEVANT DEVELOPMENTS BETWEEN NOW AND JUNE 4, E.G. POSSIBLE ABSENCE OF PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA ON ANOTHER TRIP OR POSSIBLE DECISION BY GOM NOT TO ATTAND OASGA. IN LATTER EVENTUALITY, PRESS MIGHT SPECULATE THAT SECRETARY WAS HERE TO TWIST MEXICAN ARMS ON ATTENDANCE AT OASGA. BUT ON BALANCE WE THINK VISIT WOULD BE WELL RECEIVED BY GOM AND IN PUBLIC OPINION GENERALLY, AND MIGHT WELL ASSUAGE ANY BRUISED MEXICAN FEELINGS OVER U.S.-BRAZIL AGREEMENT SIGNED DURING SECRETARY'S LAST L.A. VISIT. IF VISITS TO OTHER L.A. COUNTRIES ARE BUILT AROUND THE OASGA, I VERY MUCH HOPE MEXICO WILL BE INCLUDED.

2. I KNOW THE AMBASSADOR WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO HAVE THE SECRETARY AND MRS KISSINGER, IF SHE WILL BE ACCOMPANYING, STAY AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE. THE FACILITIES THERE PERMIT GUESTS TO BE RELATIVELY INDEPENDENT OF THE REST OF THE HOUSEHOLD AND ALSO ALLOW SOME MEMBERS OF THE SECRETARY'S
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STAFF TO BE ACCOMMODATED. ALTERNATIVELY, IF THE SECRETARY

PREFERS, HOTEL LODGINGS COULD BE ARRANGED.

3. ILLUSTRATIVE ROUGH SCENARIO: WE BELIEVE SCHEDULE SHOULD BE LIMITED TO MEXICO CITY AND INCLUDE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

A) OFFICIAL MEETINGS: CALLS ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5, ON PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, FONMIN GARCIA ROBLES AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE LOPEZ PORTILLO. LATTER WOULD BE ARRANGED THROUGH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S OFFICE TO GIVE PRESIDENT CONTROL OVER THIS SOMEWHAT SENSITIVE ITEM.

B) SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: WE ENVISAGE MINIMUM OF TWO, AND POSSIBLY THREE, SOCIAL FUNCTIONS. FONMIN WILL PROBABLY WISH TO ENTERTAIN SECRETARY EVENING OF HIS ARRIVAL, JUNE 4. PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA MAY WISH TO GIVE AN OFFICIAL LUNCHEON ON JUNE 5 OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO INVITE THE SECRETARY TO AN INTIMATE FAMILY AFFAIR. WE WOULD RECOMMEND A DINNER THE EVENING OF JUNE 5 BY THE U.S. SIDE AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE WITH EITHER THE AMBASSADOR OR THE SECRETARY AS HOST, AS THE SECRETARY PREFERS.

C) PRESS CONFERENCE: RECOMMEND THAT THIS BE HELD AT AIR-PORT UPON DEPARTURE SUNDAY MORNING, JUNE 6. IF PREFERRED, PRESS CONFERENCE COULD BE SCHEDULED FOR LATE SATURDAY AFTER-NOON, JUNE 5.

D) THE FOLLOWING OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES COULD BE ADDED TO THE PROGRAM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 5, IF TIME PERMITS:

1) BRIEF VISIT TO CHANCERY TO GREET AMERICAN AND MEXICAN STAFF.

2) VISITS TO ONE OR MORE OF MEXICO CITY'S MANY TOURIST AND CULTURAL ATTRACTIONS.

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